

House Resolution 1979

By: Representatives Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup> and Forster of the 3<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating O'Neil Bell; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, O'Neil Bell has won the 2005 World Boxing Commission Cruiserweight Title;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, this triumph caps an incredible boxing career for this potent pugilist who has  
5 compiled an outstanding record of 24 wins, one loss, and one draw; and

6 WHEREAS, trainer James Plenty guided him to victory with strong leadership and  
7 determination; and

8 WHEREAS, O'Neil Bell trained at the legendary Atlanta Art of Boxing in preparation for this  
9 great challenge; and

10 WHEREAS, the World Boxing Commission is comprised of talented athletes such as O'Neil  
11 Bell, Evander Holyfield, and Vernon Forrest; and

12 WHEREAS, thanks to much hard work and a dedication to excellence, Mr. Bell has brought  
13 great honor to the city of Atlanta and the community by winning this prestigious title; and

14 WHEREAS, in an astonishing display of skill, O'Neil Bell was catapulted into boxing's elite  
15 upper echelon when he knocked out his opponent, Jean-Marc Mormeck, and became the first  
16 fighter since Evander Holyfield to unify the cruiserweight title; and

17 WHEREAS, O'Neil Bell epitomizes the courage, determination, leadership, and character  
18 necessary to attain excellence in athletic prowess and performance and to achieve success as  
19 an individual and a citizen; and

1 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the superlative skills and outstanding  
2 accomplishments of this renowned ring warrior be recognized appropriately.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the  
4 members of this body commend O'Neil Bell for his unprecedented athletic performance,  
5 congratulate him upon his attainment of world cruiserweight champion, and wish him all  
6 possible success as he begins the defense of his boxing title.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and  
8 directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to O'Neil Bell.